Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following <u>new</u> paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 19 of page 2:

Figure 4 is a block diagram of another implementation of the electronic retail system incorporating the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

In yet a further embodiment, software on the originating user network appliance 150, or server 110 keeps a list of other users, and automatically notifies such other users when the originating user creates an open order, providing them the ability to modify the open order. <u>The notification may be sent in a serial or parallel manner.</u>

Please add the following <u>new</u> paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 8 of page 8:

In one implementation of the invention, such as is shown in Figure 4, the electronic retail system 400 comprises a data entry device 402 that facilitates selection of goods for an order by an originating user 404 via a network connection 406. The system 400 further includes a notification system 408 that provides a notification to other selected users when an order is placed. The system 400 also includes an accumulator 410 for accumulating orders from the other selected users 412 for approval by the originating user.

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